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Hayward Stake Center Groundbreaking

By Dick McDonald

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Saturday March 27th for the $1 million two ward chapel and stake center on Valley Avenue and Paseo Santa Cruz Street in Pleasanton.

Mayor Robert Reid represented the City of Pleasanton in turning over one of the first shovels full of dirt for the new building to be constructed by Hutchings Construction Co. of Stockton, President D. Ross McClellan with his counselors Dale E. Nielsen and Joel P. Gold of the Hayward Stake Presidency were joined by Stake Patriarch Albert Lewis, Bishop O. Guy Humphries of Pleasanton Ward, Bishop Ralph Lauper of Dublin Ward and former Dublin Bishop Edward J. Hankins.

There are approximately 3,100 members of the Church in the Livermore-Amador Valley plus members of the four Hayward Wards who will enjoy use of the facilities as a Stake Center with regular meetings for ward activities by Pleasanton and Dublin Wards.

The building was designed by San Francisco architects Markling and Yamasaki following the basic plan from Salt Lake revised to meet the needs of the local building department and the desires of the people of the local wards. In size it is the largest unit that the Church allows for a Stake with 26,000 square feet with 27 teaching areas. The building features a Spanish style theme with high pitched roof so that as you sit in the Chapel you can look up into the big gable with open beam ceiling of glu-laminated beams. The unit will be a masonry building using split block which will be painted. Ruff portions that will be seen will be of half round Spanish tile. The Spanish theme will be further carried by arches of half circles in the walkways around the building.

The chapel is of "spreading design" with the narrow portion to the street. Both the chapel and the cultural hall will be air conditioned while the whole building will have heating facilities.

Included in the facility will be the Stake Presidency office, High Council room, 2 Bishops offices with seperate room for clerks of each ward, a baptismal font, junior Sunday school room, aronic Priesthood and Scout facility and a built-in library following the latest approved design from Salt Lake. Of special interest is the Relief Society room which will feature an exposed beam ceiling and the cultural hall which will be 58' x 92' allowing for basketball to be played on a regulation floor. This cultural hall will be 3 to 4 times the size of that in the Hayward Gading Road Chapel.

It is planned that construction will be completed within one year.

LEFT TO RIGHT are Bishop O. Guy Humphries, Bishop Edward J. Hankins, Mayor Robert Reid, President D. Ross McClellan, Bishop Ralph Lauper and Stake Patriarch Albert Lewis.

B.Y.U. Plans Law School

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Board of Trustees of Brigham Young University March 9 announced plans to establish a new College of Law at BYU.

Decision to establish a College of Law at Brigham Young University was influenced in part by the extremely heavy demand for law training in the nation, in Utah, and among members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, BYU President Ernest L. Wilkinson said today.

The First Presidency of the Church announced the law school plans at a Devotional assembly in George Albert Smith Fieldhouse Tuesday (March 9). At the same time the Church officials named Dr. Wilkinson, who has resigned as president at the end of the school year, to take a major role in the establishment of the new college, which will receive its first students in the fall of 1973.

It will be named the J. Reuben Clark Jr. College of Law in honor of the late counselor in the First Presidncy of the Church, who was solicitor and Under-Secretary of the Department of State, ambassador to Mexico, and a recognized authority on international law.

"Of considerable weight in the decision to establish the College of Law is the dedication of the Church to the concept that the Constitution of the United States was divinely inspired and that this is a favored nation," President Wilkinson said. "We are interested in educating men and women of law who will uphold that Constitution."

He asserted that about 90,000 students take the Law School Aptitude Test in the nation this year and they will compete for about 27,000 spaces available in law schools.

Sheffields Called To Independance

MR. AND MRS. RALPH Sheffield show the Information sign across the street from the main entrance gate to the Temple Hill complex.

Elder and Sister Ralph A. Sheffield, who for the last eight months have served as Directors of the Oakland Temple Visitors' Center, have been called by Church Authorities, to Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, to serve as Directors of the new and beautiful Visitors' Center just now being completed at the Temple lot in that city. The opening of this new Visitors' Center is of particular interest to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, because of the significance of this area as the Center place of Zion.

POLITICAL CAREER

Elder Sheffield holds a Doctor of Laws Degree, and practiced his profession in Salt Lake City for over twenty-five years, where he was active also in business, church, civic and political affairs. He was Chairman of the Salt Lake City Zoning & Planning Commission for 25 years, and a member of the Legislature of the State of Utah, for 14 years. He served a mission to the Southern States, and a Stake Mission in Bonneville Stake, in Salt Lake, and has served in many teaching, ward and stake positions. He was Director of the St. George Temple Visitors' Center, for four years, before being called to the Oakland Temple Center.

Sister Sheffield was born and educated in Salt Lake City, and is a highly competent legal secretary,

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SAN LEANDRO SPEECH FESTIVAL WINNERS

WINNERS OF the San Leandro Stake Speech Festival held Tuesday, March 23 at the San Leandro Chapel are, from left to right: Rayann Clawson-First Place winner in the senior division: Berry Grow-Second Place winner in the junior division: John Parry-First Place speaker in the junior division: Michele Eelsing-Second Place winner in the senior division. Awards and prizes for the event included trophies and books by the General Authorities. A. Gifford Jackson, Stake President, announced the winners. Roy D. King was festival director.

Kendall Bean Wins Artists' Festival

Kendall Bean, 17 year old pianist and assistant ward organist, El Cerrito Ward, was declared winner of the Oakland-Berkeley stake M.I.A. Young Artists Festival. His performance was taped and submitted to Salt Lake for the June Conference Festival.

Kendall was born March 5, 1954 in Oakland, California and has attended the Madera Elementary School, the Portola Junior High and is a senior at El Cerrito high this year. His piano studies started with his grandmother, Knell Bean at the age of four. Kendall has since studied with Lois Evans, Isabell Magana and the past five years has had great encouragement from his teacher and friend, Harold Logan of Berkeley. Recently he was requested by the conductor of the youth symphony to solo two nights with them during the June Conference Musical.

Kendall has received several honors for his music. For the past two years he accompanied high school productions, such as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "Finian's Rainbow," "Oliver," and "Peter Pan," in the later playing both the piano and the delightful music of the Celeste. He was a finalist in the spring of '69 to solo with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, in the "Young Artists Competition." He soloed with the high school orchestra in the spring of '69 executing all three movements of "Beethoven's Konzert No. 2," from memory. This year he will solo with the orchestra once more playing George Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue." In '69 he played in the Bach Festival and will perform in it again this year at Hertz Hall on the U.C.S. campus.

Easter Week Brings Over 1000 Youth to Temple

By Elmo and Ellen Carr, Baptismal Supervisors

During the last week of March and the week preceeding Easter something colossal transpires at the Oakland Temple: Youth in large numbers come from distant stakes, sometimes as far away as Washington and Oregon, to participate in baptismal work in the Temple. Each year the group seems to get larger...last year's group numbering 1,069 and this year's 1,099.

Each year the schools in Washington and Oregon have spring vacation preceeding Easter by one or two weeks. The stakes in those areas commence in the fall to reserve dates at the Oakland Temple during the spring vacations. Those stakes account for approximately 30 per cent of the total number of visitors in the group.

WILLIAMETTE STAKE

The Williamette Stake this year reserved two days of the week for their stake and arrived at the temple with nine busloads of youth plus some who came in private cars.

Most of the groups bring their own officiators and sisters to help out.

The average amount spent for transportation was between $30 and $40, depending on the distance travelled. Many of the youth earned their expenses through dinners, car washes and miscellaneous projects.

PRESSED FOR TIME

Some days our groups were so large that we were lucky to finish the work in the hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., even given ten names each. We tried reserving our baptismal names months prior to the expected rush period. Even then we ran short on the amount of names we had hoped to give the groups. One day we did 2,273 baptisms.

The spiritual experiences far outweighed the cost and time. Many Bishops and Stake Presidents came with their groups. They testified that in no other way could they have become so close to their youth. One Stake President has been coming with his youth for several years and said there has never been anything more wonderful to him than coming with the groups of youth.

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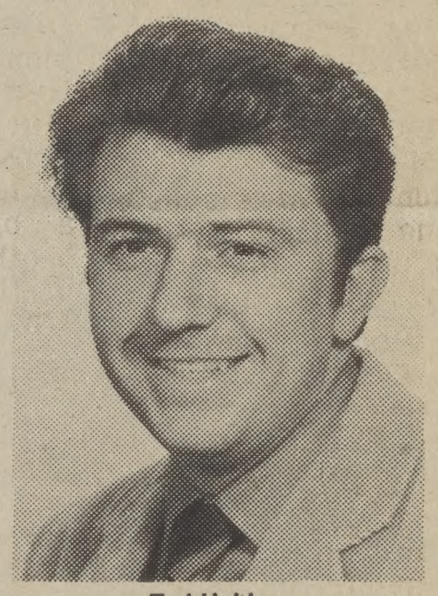

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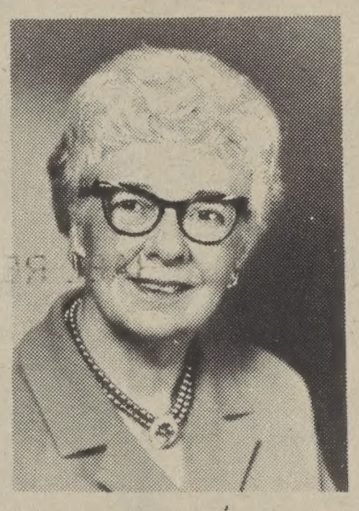

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San Leandro Gold And Green Ball

By Rayann Clawson

San Leandro Stake held their annual Gold and Green Ball on April 17th at the San Leandro Ward. Decorations included three huge flowers hung from the ceiling of the recreation hall and almost every inch of wall space was taken up with brightly colored paper flowers. As always this affair has a theme and this year it was "Showers of Flowers", so one can see where the decorations would fit in.

Couples arrived at 8:30 p.m. in mostly formal attire. Music was provided by a group, with such members of the church as Sister Donna Crabb of San Lorenzo Second Wward. This great sounding band kept the youth and the older adults who attended "alive and kicking." It was truely an evening in which the generation "gap" broke down, with each generation exchanging dances, teaching one another their own style of dance and just having an all around good time.

Stake MIA president, William Creer presided, and introduced the entertainers for the floor show. Sister Marianne Bird, who is Stake Dance Director, had couples planning to be in the Dance Festival, perform a number to "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head".

As the hour neared midnight the dance finally came to an end. Many couples, when leaving, commented on how beautiful and fun it all was. In fact, Norman Grow and his date were heard saying, "This has been the best time we've ever had in our whole lives."

Concord Stake Celebrates Gold and Green Ball

By Boots Barrus

"ALONG THE CHAMPS ELYSEES" was the theme of the Concord Stake Gold and Green Ball held in the I.S.C. under the direction of the Stake M.I.A. Officers and Saturday Night Dance Managers, Hank and Randa Bekker with assistance from the M-Mens and Gleaners. The evening provided a delightful and elegant night out for both young and old as they danced to the varied musical numbers of the Ned Mortensen's Band. General Chairmen for the evening were George and Patricia Eldredge, Stake Activity Counselors. Decorated in an unusual French theme, the hall was festooned with soft ribbons of flowing chiffon and the guests seated themselves at Cafe style tables along the sidewalks.

Graduating Laurels were each introduced and presented to their Bishops as they were the honored guests for the evening. Each was given a token of appreciation by Stake Presidency Counselor Ernest I. Adams and Stake YW President, Jean Paquette. Scrolls containing their personal introduction and special song were presented. Eddie Krieger sang the song accompanied by Sis. Rosaling Crosby who also wrote the music. Age group Cathy Wright was in charge of the presentation. Those receiving these honors were: Penny Leonard, Carol Johnson, Marta Folkman, Barbara Dickinson, Melanie Choate, Colleen Challis, Elaine Bench, Lucy Ashworth, Ygnacio Valley Ward; Mary Muceus and Karen Morrison, Pittsburg Ward; Kathy Farmer and Marigaye Bullock, Oakgrove II; Pam Symmons and Gayle Gunn, Concord III; Carolyn Tueller and Marilyn Swanson, Concord II; Jan Blatter, Concord I; Christi Thompson, Trish Jackson, Karie Heaps and Jane Coe, Clayton Valley; and Gail Cherry, Antioch Ward. The girls were escorted along the platform by their father or a special guest and following the instructions they were further honored by dancing a waltz with their father, Bishop or special friend of the family. Others assisting the evening's entertainment were Raenell Null and Sharon Miller, refreshment chairmen. For a special evening the Stake expressed appreciation to those who spent so many hours in preparation for a night out with the young.

Fremont Stake

Relief Society 129th Anniversary Celebrated

MARCH 1842 was the birth of the Relief Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Throughout the month of March the six wards in Fremont Stake celabrated the 129th Anniversary of Relief Society in various ways. The 31st, FREMONT WARD, president of which is Sister Maurine McKinlay, put on a skit about the Relief Society Nag & Horse. In the skit sisters' Gloria Winkel, Josephine Tanner, Carol Wakley, Marilyn Black and Karen Winkel brought out the good works of the relief society. Dressed in the attire of pioneer days, sister Sylvia Hansen, acting as the March 1842 Relief Society President, and the relief society nag departed with a birthday cake for a brother having a birthday in the month of March. This depicted another of the many good works of the Relief Society then and now. Fremont 2nd ward served the luncheon of Chicken Salad, which Fremont Ward Presidency and Board provided. The Visiting Teachers were then honored by being awarded a homemade ring holder, which was made by work director Roberta McBride.

Zola R. Tangren

Zola R. Tangren who taught third grade at McKinley School in San Leandro for over 21 years died in a local hospital Tuesday as the result of an illness which took her away from her classes after the first semester of the current school year.

Local school flags will fly at half staff tomorrow in her memory.

Donations may be sent or brought to McKinley School and will be presented to the American Cancer Society for research. Mrs. Don Lyles of McKinley PTA and Mrs. Maxine Orten, a member of the faculty, are chairmen for the Memorial Fund.

A native of Moab, Utah, Miss Tangren was 67.

She attended Brigham Young University, received her degree at the University of Utah and has attended both San Francisco State and the University of California for graduate work.

She was a member of the California Teachers Association and other teachers groups, was a former member of the Business and Professional Women and was active in the San Leandro Second Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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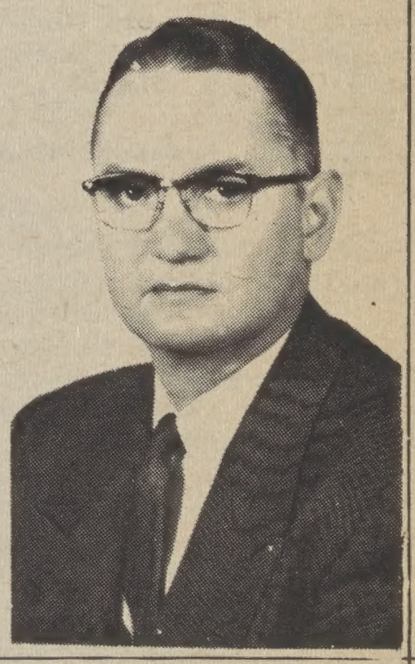

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The Ward News In Review

Pittsburg

By Boots Barrus

"SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW" was the theme highlighting the special Relief Society Fashion Show held in the Pittsburg Ward Cultural Hall on the evening of March 11. Decorated in colors of the rainbow and raindrops, the stage was a hue of color and enchantment as the ladies paraded their fashions through the bow of the rainbow. Serving as narrator for the evening of culture and art, was Sister Ruth Sanchez, dressed in a bright floor-length floral gown. As each model came forward they were presented in each particular mode of dress of their own creation. Interspersed with the fashion display were program selections by members of the ward who carried out the theme of spring. Gary Johnson played "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head", a medly of tunes appropriate to the theme was sung by Boots and Patt Barrus and Thora Astle with Patt's accompaniment on the guitar. Charlie and Mary Neves, Janel Thompson and Hope Hollingshead presented a dance number, Heather and Gidget Lunt danced a Cossack dance and the concluding number was from the M.I.A. dance festival performed by Kim Morrison, Tracy Budge and Delona Paterson. Models displaying fashions were Gordon and Hedde Lunt, Kim Morrison, Delona Peterson, Tracy Budge, Biddy and Vietta Furgeson, DeeDee Gonzaga, Melanie Epling, Hazel Torpy, Roxan and Janel Thompson, Mike Crane, Janice Hoagland, Mary Neves, Hope Hollingshead, Heather Lunt, Gidget Lunt, Lorraine Dehaas, Cecilie Budge, Velva Bennett, Noel Barrington, lonnie Manwill, Shelley Budge, Julie Morrison, Imogene Hood, Ruth Payne, Jolyn Morrison, Hazel Torpy, Vivian Morrison, Karen Morrison, Luaine Furgson and Marjorie Lunt. Sister Luaine Furgson set the theme of the evening with her rendition of the song "Over the Rainbow".

A special potluck dinner preceded the show and special thanks are extended to the Relief Society Presidency, Verda Hughes, Rugh Payne andVera Sawyer along with all of those who were assigned the decorating and refreshments, for this very special evening of cultural refinement.

Martinez

By LaVerne Corsi

Martinez Ward cordially extends a welcome hand to the Ralph Bills family who are new in our ward.

Idle hands are the devil's workshop so to shun the adversary, the following are busy in new callings: Ida Perrins, Chairman, Music Com-

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Balboa

By Bill Marquardt

The splitting of San Francisco's Balboa--Daly City MIA to form separate ward MIA's was approved in sacrament meeting April 18th.

This approval was followed by a social at the Stake Center on April 27th, in which Mission, Balboa and Daly City MIA groups participated. Donna Craw and Richard Allen from Balboa Ward have been steadily rehearsing for the dance festival on May 18th. Other members are practicing for the speech festival in this month.

Barbara Fabela's Sunday School class had an outing in Muir Woods on April 17th. The same evening, there was a dance at the Stake Center in Daly City in which Balboa Ward members--both single and married--participated.

A group of young single men and women (who informally call themselves the Pamplemoose family, from the fact that they originally formed to hold family home evenings together) sang at sacrament meetings last month.

Mark Anthony Engle, the son of Roy T. and Rebekah Engle, was born March 10th and blessed April 11th.

The Sixth Quorum of Elders is continuing its sales of ward directories to raise funds, most of which will help pay for missionary activities, according to president Larry Wilson. They are also planning another party later this month.

The Aaronic Priesthood restoration commeration will feature a dinner and play on May 15th, followed by a special Sunday program on the 16th.

On April 25th, a farewell open house was held for Bishop John O. Breckon, former bishop of Balboa Ward. He is going to Oregon following his recent retirement from the Navy.

San Leandro

Charlene L. Hathaway

April thus far has been a very inspirational month of meetings starting out on the first Sunday with the television program of the conference. Followed by Easter Sunday and the tremendous programs that we enjoyed both in the morning and afternoon meetings. The music was so beautifully directed by Sister Verna Jackson and the the choir and solos were never better. We are indeed grateful to those members who give so willingly of their time to practice and present us with such wonderful expressions of love.

The ward cultural hall was turned into a beautiful spring garden for the April 17th Gold and Green Ball. The entire dance was a huge success with many, many thanks to the exceptionally fine orchestra that did a tremendous job of spanning the years with their wide range of music to satisfy those of all ages. ages.

We were delighted this month to be able to have another young couple go to the Temple to be sealed. James and Mary Shaffer were sealed on 26 March. Those from the ward who were able to attend and share in their joy were, Brother and Sister Grant Hollingshaus, Kenneth Driggs, Shari Phister and Carol Jensen. They have returned to the Temple on a number of occasions since that time to participate in sealing work and enjoy the blessing that come from serving the Lord.

The San Leandro I and II ward seminaries have been busy raising money to help defray the expenses for a trip to Mexico some time this summer. We are very proud of our young people and the fine work and examples they set not only in the ward but in their various schools and in the community.

Fremont 5th

FREMONT 5th WARD held their anniversary luncheon the 31st of March in the atmosphere of "Spring" busting out all over. Decorations was under the chairmanship of sister Leah Ivie. Forty ladies enjoyed the book review brought to life by Barbara Pimentel of Fremont Ward, on Romeo and Juliet. Sisters Gwen Crandall and Gerry Magdaleno presented a duet by singing "Tonight" and Sister Gwen Crandall also sang "There is a Time For Us". After a delicious luncheon provided by President Betty Atkins and her board, all enjoyed a birthday cake made by Suzanne Selph.

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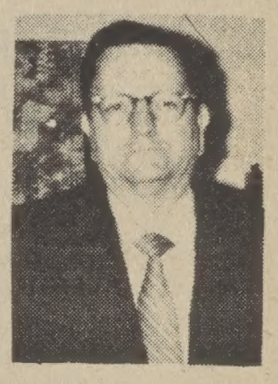

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mittee; Jack Kennerson, Primary softball coach, Milton Brown, assistant; Clara Maier, Ward Choir; Leland Hein, Chairman, Finance Committee; Leo Peters, Priesthood Executive Secretary; Marilyn Smith, LaVerne Corsi and Janice Hodnett, Primary teachers; Lynda Renshaw, Primary organist; Ray Shates, Asst. Cub Scout leader; Junior Corsi, Webelos leader; LaVerne Corsi, Messenger reporter. For the new Teacher Development Program: William Hodnett, Teacher Director; Jacqueline Carter, SS; Carol Lanphere, MIA; Maxine Hodnett, RS; Carma Carlson, Primary; Della Greathouse, Primary. In YMMIA, Jim Kennedy is 2nd Counselor; in YWMIA, Linda Kennedy is Second Counselor and Mary Lee Peters is secretary.

Relief Society meetings in Martinez are now being held in the evenings for the working sisters. They are at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

Baby congratulations go out to the Joel E. Ellermeirs for their new daughter, Deborah Lynn; to the Donald Baileys for their new son, Jason Smith; and to the Ted Smiths for their new daughter, Darcy Elizabeth.

Oakland 3rd

By Charlottie H. Smith

A very successful ward dinner was held in the Interstake Center for the members of the 3rd ward the latter part of March with nearly 450 members attending. A splendid program was given after a delicious dinner had been served to all those present.

Pres. Richard W. Owens was the stake presidency representative at the annual ward conference. We heard from several stake and ward leaders and learned of the goals and progress of the ward.

Twenty-two members of the ward helped with the inventory at the Payless Drug this past month to help with the welfare budget for the year.

The Stake Speech Festival was held in the Oakland-Oakland Third ward chapel and we were proud to have Connie Bennett represent our ward. It was a very successful and rewarding evening.

Renae Smith was chosen as the award winner of the Senior class in homemaking at Skyline High School. This award was called the Good Citizen award and sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. A special tea was given for those senior girls who were so honored from high schools in Oakland.

A class of Relief Society members have just finished a four week course in becoming "A Lovelier You". This was taught by our very capable teacher, Betty Frisch, and is a continuing course of lessons in Relief Society.

Rodger Salo, the young son of Dianne Salo, was baptized and confirmed this past month. Kim Everingham was also baptized and confirmed as a new member of the church. Kim is a young teenager and was ordained to the office of Deacon. Brother Alfred Hanson was ordained to the office of Teacher and Brother Roy Patchen was ordained to the office of Priest. They are both recent converts to the church. We congratulate them all.

This past month we had some former members visit our ward. Bishop and Sister Newell Christensen were here with their daughter JoAnne who was married in the Oakland Temple to Neils T. Eskelsen of Bellevue, Washington. We heard from Bishop Christensen at our ward conference.

Daly City

By Corinne N. O'Neal

With close rapidity came the beautiful DEAR TO MY HEART presentation, the winning ROADSHOW (The Garden of Eden), followed by the Ward's SPEECH FESTIVAL (which placed emphasis upon leadership through communication). Not to be outdone was the Relief Society's morning sessions....it seems that these teachers have presented such provocative and inspirational lessons that, in retrospect, the ward in its entirety has been affected!

It has been over a month but the stage props and decorations, plus costumes of the Daly City's ROADSHOW are still intact. Why? There was an invited guest who thought the play had much merit as a youth program that he has made arrangements that it be filmed and televised on KRON-TV. The second presentation is quite possible-- the cast has been invited to present the play to the faculty and students of Westmore High--and if this is accomplished the filming will take place at that time. All members of the cast are to be congratulated for their artistry and enthusiasm--plus hard work, but we do wish to recognize Marilee Jeppson (Director) and Pamela Simcox (Asst. Director).

It was a combined Daly City-Balboa Speech Festival with eight participants. Representing Balboa were Tina Carpenetti, Rhonda Diaz, Donna DeCosta and Mark Elder, with Tina and Mark the winners. For Daly City-- Robert Stephenson, Debra Ann Sudduth, Donna Shipp and Victor Presher, with Debra and Victor as winners. While we have named the winners we want to go on record that all participants in a speech festival....are winners! All were excellent!

And what's next? Well....coming is our INTERNATIONAL DINNER....a Ward fund raising venture....combined with an "all professional" dinner show.... with Bishop Jonas Heaton performing as a "heavy" in a major role!

Newark

NEWARK WARD, president of which is Sister Ada Rassmusson, put on the same skit at their anniversary luncheon the 16th of March. Participating in the skit were Vickie Parks, Janice Crowshaw, and Ada Rassmusson. The Relief Society Seal was the decoration on the cake.

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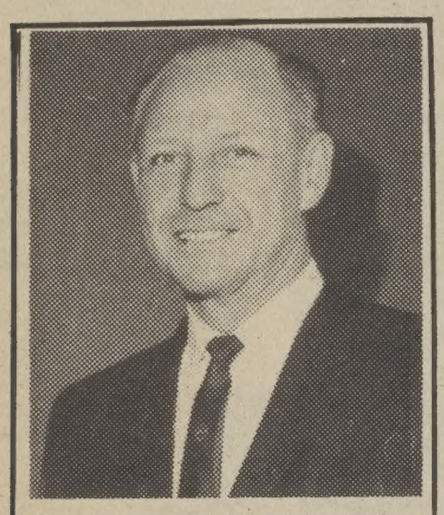

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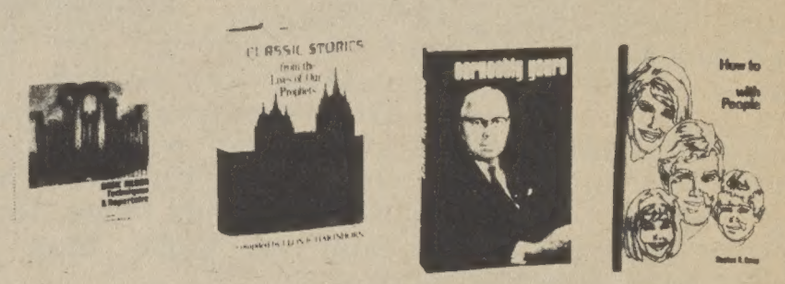

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Concord Singing Mothers Concert

By Boots Barrus

Beautiful music was a joy forever to those who listened and enjoyed the delightful music of the Concord Stake Singing Mothers as they presented their special Stake concert March 27 in the Concord Stake Chapel. Under the direction of the R.S. Stake Chorister Lorraine D. Tyler and Accompaniest Laura Muceus, the theme "It's a Small World" was portrayed in the special numbers prepared by each ward of the Stake. Gloria Magleby served as narrator and assistant accompanist was Marie McComas. The capacity crowd heard many different numbers presented in other tongues and presentations and the singing mothers presented a special song, "A Missionary Prayer" written by Sister Tyler. This was a request by the visiting Apostle Stapley that the number be submitted to Salt Lake for review. Other numbers were "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy", "Tum Balalaika", "Ash Grove", "Falling Leaves", "Finnish Folk-Song", "Scarborough Fair", "Tiritomba", all by the singing mothers. The Martinez Ward Children's chorus sang "Edelweiss" and "It's a Small World", "Mais que Nada" was played by guitarist Joseline Dias. Sister Rita Jensen beautifully expressed her testimony and the Devon and Rity Jensen family sang "Beautiful Savior". Lacey Fitzgerald presented a Swiss Medley and Trues Eves and her Primary class depicted Holland through the number "De Kleinst". To those who attended the evening was an inspiration.

Clarence Dineen

"He was always getting the job done regardless of his physical condition or circumstances around him," said Richard W. Owens, second counselor in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Presidency, when he spoke at services February 20 for Clarence Dineen.

Bishop Gerald Thompson of Oak Grove Ward and President Owens spoke of Clarence's more than eight years of volunteer service to The Messenger of Northern California. Brother Clarence kept the addressograph and graphotype machines in order and was circulation manager.

Clarence first started working on The Messenger mailing and proof-reading under the direction of Brother I.B. Ball, then Dale E. Roe and was still working for The Messenger published Dennis L. Lauper when he passed away.

Reporter's note: when Brother Dineen was in the hospital, after an amputation of one foot, he was talking about some work that needed to be done for The Messenger and how he'd get in and get the job done as soon as he felt better.

Bishop Thompson included in his life story report Brother Dineen's 25-year career with the Berkeley Daily Gazette where he was a linotype operator. Brother Calrence once lived two different Oakland-Berkeley stake wards, without moving, and while he was in the El Cerrito ward his Bishop was Richard Owens.

Brother Dineen was born April 4, 1897 and passed away on Feb. 16. His wife, Tessie, survives him, along with children and grandchildren. They were married twice, for a total of more than 30 years.

Another speaker at the memorial service was Bishop Richard Harvey. Dedication, at Memory Gardens, was by John Reading. Invocation was by Jack Johnson and benediction by Gary McMahon. Sister Phyllis Oakes sang two solos, including "In the Garden."

San Leandro Holds Mother-Daughter Night

By Rayann Clawson

San Leandro Stake's Mia Maid Night held on March 30th at the Castro Valley Ward, seemed to bring the mothers and daughters who were present much closer together, thus making the evening a successful one.

Sister Lyn Garza, the Stake's Mia Maid leader, conducted the program beautifully and gave it her own youthful touch.

Two of the speakers for the occasion were a fifteen year old girl, Patti Sasser, who is a member of the San Lorenzo Ward, and a woman representing the mother's point of view, Sister Ardell Woods, a member of the same ward.

Pat based her talk on her ideas of an ideal mother. She said that most girls want their mother to be a mother.

"We don't need another best friend; we want our mother to be different from ourselves," she commented, "A perfect mother should know what she's talking about when she gives her daughter advice."

From a mother's point of view, Ardell Woods mentioned that two characteristics of an ideal daughter are, one: that she accepts criticism with a smile and, two: that she always knows when to say she is sorry.

Cindy Osborne from the San Lorenzo Ward sang the song "Pretty As a Picture" and was accompanied on the piano by Ryan Clawson.

Ben Mortensen, who was the main speaker for the program, has a PHD from the University of Utah in psychology and has been a counselor to the youth at BYU. He has six children, two of which are Mia Maids.

STAKE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MAY 15-16....San Jose South, San Leandro

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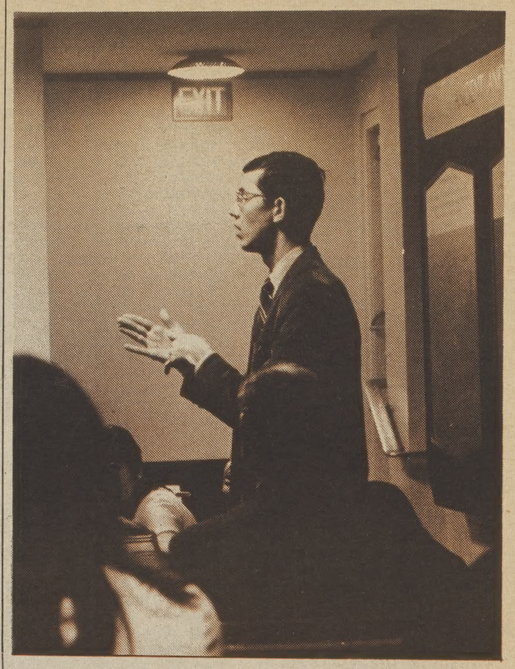

Br. Delmo Cantergiani, who is blind as well as deaf, has learned to feel the signs in the palms of his hands.

Br. Maloy discusses the necesity of visual aids in teaching while Br. Cartwright interprets for him.

On March 27th and 28th, 1971, a very special conference was held at the Oakland Insterstake Center. Organized primarily by Pres. Elmo Smith, Douglas Andrus, George Hubbard, Kenneth Dyal, and Richard Cartwright, the conference was attended by people who came from as far away as Los Angeles and even Oregon & Washington.

Little do we realize the far reaches of the Lord's work. This conference was the beginning of a program for the deaf in the Church here. Salt Lake has had a Branch for the deaf for many years, and attending the conference was Pres. Brandenburg who has been President of the Branch in Los Angeles for 16 years.

At the conference, everyone is involved: Everyone feels his part--suggesting his own ideas, and feeling the importance of the event. None sat back, feeling left out or disinterested. It was everyone's very important meeting. The atmosphere was casual; time schedules were used only as guidelines and time was taken where it was needed.

On the two-day program were seminars on Visual Aids, Teacher Development, Gospel Signs, and Priesthood Functions in the Home. Dinner, recreation activities, and films were also provided. Fast and Testimony meeting was held Sunday as an inspiring conclusion.

The purpose of this and forthcoming conferences is to upgrade and unify the teaching of the deaf in the Church. Effort is being made particularly in the area of visual aids. The Church will pay one-half the cost of machines such as opaque and overhead projectors; but neither of these machines is useful without a large supply of pictures available. Save your "Ensigns" and "Eras" and donate the pictures!

More and more is being done with films. The Oakland Temple Visitor's Center now has captioned films. Brigham Young University will be producing captioned films for the temples soon.

Also badly needed is a dictionary of signs that can be uniformly used throughout the Church. Signs vary across the country, creating difficulties in communication. Br. and Sr. Eugene Parry of Oakland are working on a dictionary which they hope will be approved in Salt Lake.

The hard-of-hearing and deaf in our area need a program geared to their needs. It is the hope of the few people now involved that the program will grow. They must have the support of those who have wide priesthood jurisdiction. Whereas they need individual help, they cannot function without Stake backing and organizing.

It is gratifying to see how the Lord's work reaches to all people. If you have any questions or support to give, contact Br. Richard Cartwright, 133 Maiden Lane, Oakland, 415-531-4417.

Br. Richard Cartwright demonstrates a captioned film on the creation of the world.

Pres. Brandenburg of the Los Angeles Branch for the Deaf signs an inspirational message while Br. Richard Cartwright interprets vocally.

Choir interpreters give the signs to the inspiring solo by Sr. Betty Ogden.

Mission Pres. Cox expresses his testimony of this work as Br. Wayne Bennett signs for him.

Close to Home - Ward News in Review

Fremont 4th

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FREMONT 4th WARD-Friday March 19th at 7:30 p.m. treated the husbands to a dinner and program. It was a capacity house that enjoyed a dinner which was put on under the chairmanship of Karen Jensen, and a program under the direction of Judith Nicholson, under the presidency of Patricia Hemmingway.

Bay

LaVar Cardon and Joe Hatfield will be sharing the responsibilities of maintenance as the new Bay Ward custodians.

Bill and Marsha Nielson and son, formerly of San Francisco Ward, are new Bay Warders. He's a dental student and they expect to be with us about a year.

Ron Peters and Janet Bailey were married recently by Bishop Dix Newell at Treasure Island. Congratulations to these newlyweds.

Dave Coltrin and wife Ann welcomed a new baby boy recently. Dave, a dental student, delivered the anxious baby himself and reports that it wasn't really all that difficult.

M.I.A. NEWS

The YWMIA is reorganizing the Young Girl's Program for our ward's Beehives, Mia Maids and Laurels. They've been travelling to 22nd and Lawton to attend MIA each Tuesday night.

Doug Todd is the new Scoutmaster, and Dennis Johnson has been called as Assistant Scoutmaster to direct the soon-to-begin new Ward Scouting program. All boys of scouting age are encouraged to participate.

EASTER PROGRAM

The spirit of the Easter season was heightened for all those who attended the special Easter Sunday programs. The choir presented a lovely early service before regular meetings and later contributed immeasurably to the very uplifting Sunday School Easter program. Leah Jarvis deserves special thanks for her direction of the choir, along with Kathy Evans who wrote the excellent narration for the programs. The ward should be grateful to all those who participated in word or song and helped to make the Easter commemoration so meaningful for those in attendance.

Mission

By Leonard W. Cryer

The Spirit of Elijah is beginning to come forth among the members of Mission Ward.

Bishop Harry D. Raub, and his wife, Freda, as temple workers, who go every Tuesday to the Oakland Temple, to work in their callings, are leading the way in Mission Ward.

Other members who go to the Oakland Temple regularly are High Priest Group Leader, James R. Johnson, Sr., and his wife Emma. Myrtle Nelson goes every Friday morning, to assist as a cashier, and if time permits, do ordinance work. She also provides transportation for other sisters in the ward, such as Ethel Titus and Violet Brietenbeucher, so that they may also do temple work.

Once a month, a special ward priesthood temple excursion, on Saturday, is held. In March, 8 brethren went through the 6 a.m. session. Other excursions are April 21, and May 15th, with two planned for June.

In March, Bishop Sraub challenged his ward council members to get new temple recommends before April 1, and lead the way for other worthy ward members to get new recommends by April 30, when current recommends expired. Thus a drive to get more members with temple recommends for the new year started.

Also in March, Bishop Raub called students for a new genealogy work shop, held on Sunday afternoons, with teacher Doris Morales.

On April 10, 1971, Mission Ward members went to the San Francisco Stake Christmas Tree Farm, worked in the morning, and in the early afternoon, under the direction of Primary President Lucinda Wright, and her officers, held a special family activity, "The Great Easter Egg Hunt." Both young and old had an enjoyable outing.

Fremont

By Dorothy A. Spoon

Fremont Ward--Elders Quorum sponsored the Welfare Dinner held Friday March 26, 1971, with brother Gayle Stone as chief cook and bottle washer. After a delicious dinner of ham and all the trimmings sister Maxine Zawodniak began the evening's entertainment with audience participation in singing "Getting To Know You". "Where did you hail from?" Surprised reactions were on the faces of many when the origin was pinpointed exactly when each stood when their state or country was called. The state of Utah was the birthplace of most with Idaho running a close second. Sister Zawodniak's MIA class of 16 year olds dramatized and sang "Mammy's Little Baby Likes Sho-t-n Bread". Their luminous costumes stood out with the only lighting effect being the black light. Participants were Denese Carlile, Michele Jones, Joy Larkin, ten year old Barbara Larney, Debbie Lindsay, Carol McOmber, Saundra Petersen, Gary Reed and Colette Slattengren.

The decorations were in charge of Sharon Lindsay and Joanne Hollingsworth, with Easter very much in evidence, as easter bunnies and baby chicks were the table decorations. Through the courtesy of Jack Chamberlain Florist a variety of potted plants served as center pieces for each table.

Guide Patrol--awards issued to Greg Black and Kenny Steadman were 1st Class Rank each. Tenderfoot badges were awarded David Berry, Kelly Brown, Ren Petersen, and Dennis McCoy. Guide Patrol leader Sherill Mason.

YMMIA leader Richard Turnbow presented Greg Black the Scout Neckerchief and welcomed Greg into the Scout Troop. A Music merit badge was awarded Gary Pimentel; Citizenship in the Nation and hiking merit badge was awarded Clayton Jackson. Kent McOmber received the home repairs and Citizenship in the Community merit badge. The Star rank was awarded Vernon Spoon as well as Home repairs, Citizenship in the Nation merit badges.

Walnut Creek

By A.E. Gilbert

ADVANCEMENTS IN THE PRIESTHOOD last month include Robert MANION to the office of priest, David CRIMIN and Devon ALLRED to the office of teacher, and Gerlad D. CARR, who received the Aaronic Priesthood and was ordained to the office of deacon.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES last month included Paul BOWEN, sustained as teachers quorum advisor; Marian SARGEANT, assistant Primary librarian; Ruth SMITH, Primary Teacher. Bob and Valaine MANION, drama directors for YMMIA AND YWMIA, respective. Merlin FULLMER, no longer in the ward, was released as Venturer Post advisor; Ralph CROSBY, Home Teaching supervisor.

VISITORS LAST MONTH included Linda MOODY, Stanford 3d Ward, Palo Alto Stake; Lucille W. PICKETT of Ogden, Utah, mother of Dr. Floyd Junior PICKETT (No typo, he's NOT Floyd PICKETT Jr.) Mona PAGE of San Diego, Kendall CARR of Helper, Utah; Dan WHITE, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada, father of Chuck (Charles H.) WHITE; Scott CLARK, Kendall WILLIAMS, Dave POTTS, Dennis BLEDSOE, Melvin WINN, Sr. and Jr., of Berkeley, Aletha GILBERT's son and grandson, respectively; Jack and Gerry LEWIS and daughters from Anchorage, Alaska; George BUCKEN, investigator.

WARD BIRTHDAY PARTY from 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 16 is a MUST for the entire family. Circle the date in RED on your calendar and be there with appetite and ready to enjoy the antics of the Old Ringmaster (Who else?) and the program dedicated to your delectation and delight.

TWO FAST SUNDAYS in one month, a General Conference, A Stake Conference this month, and other deviations from our normal routine have thrown the publication schedule into a tizzy. The first Fast Sunday brought so much action that the last one was given over the bearing of testimonies--and there were some good ones.

Clayton Valley

Laurel Standard Night was presented in the Clayton Valley Ward on the evening of March 2. Under the direction of Sister Carol Blake, Stake Laurel Leader, the evening was a special

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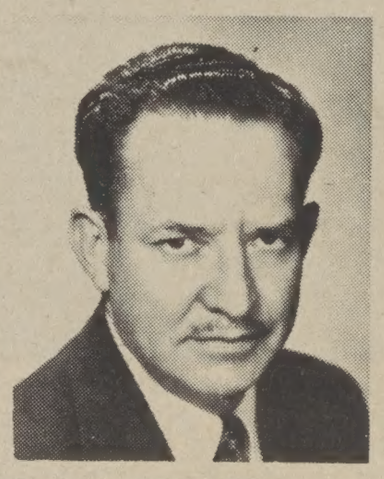

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Sports Action

Walnut Creek 2nd Takes Zone Basketball Title

By Bill Mariluch

A pre-season dark-horse, the Walnut Creek 2nd Ward Junior Basketball Team posted a convincing 76-54 zone championship win over Milpitas 2nd at the Oakland Interstake Center to represent the Northern California area at the All Church Championships in Salt Lake City March 15-19.

The contest gave Walnut Creek an undefeated record for the season. The basketball program begins with a league schedule and playoff between the nine wards in the Walnut Creek Stake, Danville, El Sobrante, Lafayette, Orinda, Pleasant Hill I, Pleasant Hill II, Rodeo, Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek II. Each ward fields a team drawing upon both member and non-member talent within their area.

The two play-off winners then participate in a regional playoff tournament with similar stake champions, comprising the greater North and East Bay area. Some 80 teams and 4800 boys were represented by the 15 champion teams at the Region tourney. Pleasant Hill 2nd was eliminated in the quarter-finals by Napa who in turn was eliminated in the semi-finals with a come-from-behind victory by Walnut Creek 2nd. After trailing by 10 points for three quarters, Marty Allred, with some fine driving and with strong rebounding by Durham and Hilton to emerge with a 57-53 victory. The final game for the regional championship pitted Walnut Creek and Fairfield. Allred's great playmaking White's hot hands brought the region trophy to Walnut Creek with a 55-44 decision.

As region champions, yet another tourney loomed, the zone championships. Here again, the hard-driving and playmaking of Allred and a strong 56 percent shooting from the floor toppled the Milpitas 2nd team...in the final game. The three zones represent some 14,000 participants.

The All-Church Tournament at Salt Lake is a 16 team double elimination play-off representing 4000 teams and 225,000 participants between the ages of 14-18. Some fine teams play this tournament and it's a tribute to the Walnut Crek team to represent our area.

Volleyball

Oakland 4th Ward Continues Supremacy

By Gary Wood
Sports Editor

The senior girls volleyball team of Oakland IV Ward has won the championship of the Eastbay stakes for the seventh striaght year.

The Oakland team, representing the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, fended off some stiff competition against teams from seven other stakes surrounding the Bay.

Team members are: Priscilla Kalehua, Blossom Kaleikau, Bonnie Peppler, Flo Pua, Lee Rivera, Terri Shelby and Margaret Wahalani.

Finishing behind the Oakland Fourth Ward team in the skills division of the tournament were, in order: San Leandro, Santa Rosa and Concord.

In the "participation" category, the Concord Stake entrant captured the laurels, followed by Walnut Creek, Fremont and Oakland-Berkeley.

In both the skills and participation divisions, the Fremont Stake representatives were declared the winners of the sportsmanship competition.

"This was probably the biggest and most successful tournament we've ever had," commented bi-region sports director Marlene Peck. "Several stakes which had never entered teams before did so this time."

Next on the agenda for the active gals of this area is--believe it or not--softball. The bi-region tournament will be in July.

Sheffields Called To Independance

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at which vocation she served for a number of years. She has been an active Church worker, in Seminary, Primary, Sunday School, M.I.A. and Relief Society, and assisted her husband in service at the St. George Temple Visitors' Center.

The Sheffields are the parents of five children, all of whom have least one college degree, except their 18 year old son, who graduates from High School this spring, and hopes to leave for a mission shortly thereafter. He plans to pursue his college career upon his return.

At the Oakland Temple, the Sheffields have concentrated much of their efforts to increasing the number of visitors to the Center, to securing a greater number of high quality referrals for the use of full time and stake missionaries, and to make it easier for visitors to get to the Temple and safer to enter and exit the Temple Complex. Through their efforts, the 3' x 5' reflectorixed "Mormon Temple" sign was obtained and located on the Mission Home property across the street from the Temple entrance; also the "ENTER" and "EXIT" signs on the walls, at the gates, on Lincoln Avenue. They also are responsible for securing the directional signs saying "Mormon Temple" (with an arrow pointing up Lincoln Avenue to the Temple), which are located at MacArthur Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue, and at the Montana-Champion Streets, and the Harold-Champion Street (Fruitvale) off ramps of the MacArthur Freeway to Lincoln Ave.

Elder and Sister Sheffield have been working with the Stake, Ward, and Quorum Officers, as well as with other groups, in developing ways of securing, not only individual, but particularly, Group Tours, of both L.D.S. and non-L.D.S. persons, to the Visitors' Center. A recent visit to the Center by groups from Concord Stake, sponsored by the Seventy's Quorum, is a case in point.

PUBLICITY

They wrote up a short article, in the form of a news story, headlined "Mormons offer Free Bus Tour to Oakland Temple Visitors' Center". The article stated the date and time of departure and return; where to meet; names and telephone numbers of the wives of three of the Seventy's Presidency (so the women would not hesitate to phone); for good measure, they also offered free refreshments, free movies and other displays, etc. This story together with a large picture of the Temple, was published in the two local papers, without charge, as a public service, and spot announcements on the radio stations, covering the same material, were given, as a public service, without charge.

It was expected there would be about one bus load of, perhaps, fifty people, applying for the tour. However, it turned out that there were 114 people who came. This required the Seventies to engage another bus to transport the people. Of the 114 people, only 16 were members. The other 98 were non-members, from whom 78 very good referrals were obtained.

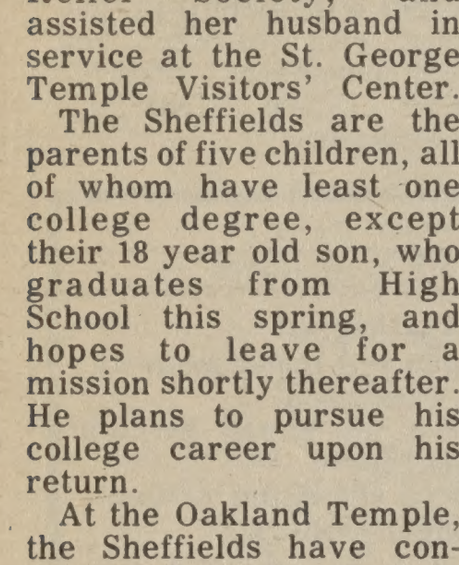
WINDOW POSTERS

To aid in development of individual and group tours, Elder Sheffield has obtained, through the cooperation of Church Authorities in Salt Lake City, 1000 colored window posters, 13½" x 21"; with a breathtakingly beautiful night picture of the Temple, advertising "Free Group Tours" etc., for placing in store and shop windows, and other places, where they can be seen by large numbers of people. Since they are very expensive, they must be used only in strategic locations, and not merely for souvenirs, or other such purposes. If owners of stores, shops, and other such places, have a suitable location, they are invited to come by the Visitors' Center and pick up one of the posters.

OBTAINS NEW FILMS

To attract those members who say "they have seen everything" at the Visitors' Center, Elder Sheffield has obtained, through the cooperation of the Church Officials in Salt Lake City, five new films, which have not, therefore, been available at the Visitors' Center. In addition, he has acquired the film "In This Holy Place" in Spanish, which now completes all equipment and facilities necessary for the "All Spanish Night", at the Center, which is held on the last Thursday night of each month, at 7 p.m. Elder Sheffield suggests that this information be announced, and publicized in the wards and stakes, so that Spanish speaking non-members may come, or be brought to the Center, by members, on these designated nights.

THE NEW entrance and exit signs visible from the down-hill approach on Lincoln. Bro. Sheffield is at left.



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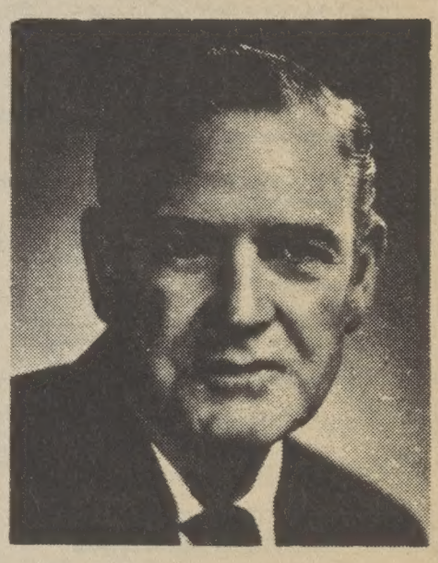

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Ward News In Review

Newark

Begins on 8

inspiration to the Laurel and their mothers. Prelude music was played by Laurel Carolyn Tueller, Invocation by Sandy Adams, theme, Patty Brook, Laurel Crest by the Concord Ward Laurel; a musical number Clayton Valley II Laurels and one by the Antioch Laurels, booklets were distributed by the Clayton Valley Laurels, benediction by Diane King. Special guest for the evening was Rhea Rader whose humility and message to the young ladies of the Stake Laurel age was an inspiration to the guide lines of their lives.

Greeters were the Oakgrove II Laurels,

Hayward 2nd

by Lynnette Maughn

Our ward MIA youth enjoyed a very warm and inspirational evening at the annual ward speech festival. It was an evening spiced with the zaney antics of Sister Martha Clifton, who dressed as a chef, M.C.'d the event and presented a menu of talks that were of benefit to all who attended. It is gratifying to note that a recent convert of seven months, Sister Jane Marvin, was declared the winner and went on the the Stake Competition and placed second. Although only one contestant could go on to represent the ward at the Stake level all who competed in the Speech Festival were winners for having participated.

Our Relief Society has started their night Relief Society meetings in connection with the third and fourth wards. At one of their recent meetings the sisters learned to make picture placques from bread dough. Mr. Marcell from Western Gardens Nursery attended Relief Society last week and lectured the ladies in Gardening Problems. He gave a beautiful plant away as a door prize. The winner was Sister Almendariz. A fine luncheon was served afterwards.

The first class of the church Teacher Development Program has been completed and the participants received their recognition for their efforts last Sunday night. Congratulations to: Sister Kaethe Voight, Sister Lorrie Garuoille, Sister Afton Johns, Sister Bonnie Butorovich, Sister Arta Saver, Sister Graca Hero, Sister Shirley Pinegar, and Brother Grant Maughn. Brother Bill Anderson presented the lessons each week.

Fremont 3rd

FREMONT THIRD WARD-had a birthday party for their nursery with each lady bringing a gift for the nursery. Before their luncheon the ladies demonstrated another good works of the relief society, that of doing good for other's by making things for their nursery. According to President Beverly Williams it was a successful and well attended anniversary luncheon.

Fremont 2nd

FREMONT 2nd WARD-held their anniversary luncheon the 11th of March with the theme being "Relief Society Around the World". President Donna L. Bergener and her board were dressed in the fashions of different countries around the world. Slides and posters and the menu, as well, tied in with the theme. Sisters' Anna Holm and Marlene Palmer, of the Music Department, were in charge of the program. Fremont ward catered the luncheon of Chinese food as the main dish, a Mexican Salad and a French desert.

Ted Parsons III is Eagle Scout

Ted Parsons III, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ted Parsons, who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout before his fourteenth birthday, was honored at a special court of honor at the Oakland Fourth ward April 2.

Ted, now a Teacher, actively serving in the Aaronic Priesthood, is first in the 30 year history of the Oakland Fourth ward to reach Scouting's highest award for young men. He completed most of his work while in the Oakland ward.

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Mormon Notes

Since April, 1969, we at The Messenger have gone about our duties writing, editing, mailing, and waiting for letters from the readers. Occasionally one of us looks up from his papers and thinks to inquire how things are going with the paper itself: Whether she is steady or sickly. As the editor, I have stuck my nose into the publisher's and business office's departments often enough to be a nuisance and to be able to offer this summary of Messenger affairs.

Editorially, we have made substantial progress. Becoming our Feature Editor about a year ago was beautiful Jane Sylvester, a fine writer and artist. Jane, a graduate of B.Y.U., taught school for several years before going to work for a law firm in San Francisco. Working closely with Jane is one of the best photographers we've run across, Jeff Summerhays, who is our recently acquired staff photographer.

About six months ago we acquired a talented and experienced Sports Editor in the person of Gary Wood, who has created an excellent Sports department for us where none existed before. Previous to joining The Messenger, Gary was Sports Editor of B.Y.U.'s DAILY UNIVERSE.

Supporting The Messenger are two professional writers, Sam Taylor and Nell Smith, both of whom were active on the publication some years ago and have been reactivated within the last two years. Sam's column on The History of The Church in Northern California is one of our editorial prizes, and Nell has contributed about half a dozen fine historical feature stories over the months.

Financially, we're not as strong, but we are improving. After a long search we finally obtained an energetic and charming gentleman by the name of Bill Matheson to be our advertising representative. Formerly of Oakland and now of Livermore, Bill has already begun to improve our advertising position, which is a crucial aspect of running The Messenger, since our monthly budget runs just over a thousand dollars and most of our revenue comes from advertising.

We are atill looking for two part-time people to assist Brother Matheson in the advertising department...one in San Francisco and one to cover the Concord and Walnut Creek area.

We are making progress in all areas of the enterprise. However, we are still working on improving our ward and stake news coverage and we are talking about publishing twice monthly and also beginning a Sacramento Edition.

The basis of the progress we are making to provide our readers with a usefull and excellent newspaper is not so much the addition to our staff of those people just mentioned, as it is the good will and loyal support of, first, the Stake Presidents and Bishops who see the value of the publication, and then the expert work and advice of Dale and Lela Roe, who comprise our business office, and finally the never failing faith and good humor of our publisher, Dennis Lauper, and the assistant publishers, stake and ward reporters, and all the many individuals who have taken an interest in The Messenger and supported it with advertising, news, letters, art, cartoons, photography, moral support, and generally good vibrations.

We thank you.

Samuel W. Taylor

Golden Gate Saints

A History Of The Church In Northern California...Part 14

THE GOLD RUSH

It was largely due to Sam Brannan that the discovery of gold was kept secret several months. He was getting ready. Then after he'd fitted out four stores in the gold country he personally started the gold rush by appearing in San Francisco with a small bottle of gold nuggets. That was May 11, 1848. He preached his last sermon that night—urging the colonists to go after gold. He spent the next day buying out the stock of every store in town, then dashed back to clean up.

Brigham Young sent his personal bodyguard, Porter Rockwell, with Apostle Amasa Lyman to collect Church funds from Samuel Brannan. In addition to tithing, Sam had sold the lands of the San Joaquin colony and pocketed the cash. When Sam refused to disgorge at Elder Lyman's request, Porter Rockwell pulled a pistol and announced, "Sam, we aim to collect the Lord's mo "

Porter Rock had a fearsome reputation as a man not to be trifled with, but Sam had nerve. While looking down the barrel of the weapon he said, "Port, you tell Brigham that I'll give him the Lord's money when he gives me a receipt signed by the Lord."

That ended Samuel Brannan's official connection with the Church.

A DIRE PREDICTION

Sam went into other enterprises. He owned one-fifth of booming San Francisco, including most of Market Street. He obtained a tract of land at the junction of the Sacramento and American rivers and started the city of Sacramento. He became California's first millionaire, organized the Vigilantes, and had an income of a thousand dollars a day.

At the height of Brannan's success, the former president of the Atlantic Coast Mission, who had been Sam's associate in publishing the New York Prophet arrived in San Francisco to pick up the pieces of Church affairs which Sam had shattered with his neglect and sharp dealings. This was Apostle Parley P. Pratt, who with two wives was living in a little shack on Pacific Street, preaching twice each Sunday at the Adelphi Theater. Parley was in dire need of funds for Church projects and personal welfare. Without purse or script, he and his wives at times went hungry. When Sam's mother-in-law, Fanny Corwin, urged Sam to contribute to the cause, Sam told her that if Parley needed money he could come ask for it. "I don't need to ask Sam Brannan for money," Parley said on hearing the message. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Then he added, "Tell Sam Brannan that he may be a Midas now, but he will live to see the day when he will want for a dime to buy a loaf of bread." Sam laughed scornfully, but lived to see the prediction fulfilled. His personal excesses brought his downfall. He began drinking heavily. When his affairs with women became a public scandal, his wife divorced him, and the judge delivered a crushing verdict: she was granted half his total wealth-in cash. Brannan had to liquidate everything at distress prices to satisfy the judgment; he never recovered financially, and his health was shattered in a shooting brawl.

Sam Brannan disappeared from the scenes of his former triumphs. Years later, two LDS missionaries ran onto him at Guaymas, Mexico, where he was trying to promote a big scheme, and reported to the "Deseret News" that he was living in "squalid penury and wretchedness." The paper recalled Parley Pratt's prediction.

When Samuel Brannan died at San Diego on May 14, 1889, he was a pauper and so friendless that his body lay unburied for several months until a nephew raised funds to have it interred. Though once so prominent that billboards fostered sales of a product by proclaiming, "SAM BRANNAN BUYS IT!" his funeral was attended only by his Mexican housekeeper.

The Main Forum

The Gospel in Perspective

N. Eldon Tanner Speaks

Elder Nathan Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints told a crowd of more than 2,000 that we must live the Gospel of Jesus Christ if we are going to meet today's problems. He was concluding speaker for the quarterly conference of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, April 25, in the East Bay Interstake center.

President Tanner said that knowledge alone will not save us, but it is important that we live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that we recognize that we are children of God.

We are fortunate to have the kind of understanding and examples before us which will help us live to our full potential.

Testifying "I am not ashamed of the Gospel," President Tanner warned the capacity-crowd that it isn't the big things that bother us too much, it's the everyday things. He urged members to live the word of wisdom, the law of tithing, attend meetings, and prepare to go through the temple.

Too many, he said, feel that the church places restriction, but not a single one who lives and loves the Gospel goes to bed at night concerned about restrictions. The people who feel unhappy are the ones who are not living the Gospel.

As he spoke of the Primary Children's Chorus which provided music for the conference, he emphasized that the song "I am a Child of God" reminds us that God loves us, Jesus Christ loves us, and They have given us an opportunity to return to the Kingdom of God.

told the story of Joseph Smith's prayer in the grove and how he learned that God lives and that Christ lives and subsequently embarked on the work of the Lord which included translation of the Book of Mormon.

He didn't make up those stories, he wouldn't have dared say them if they weren't true, he testified.

Other conference speakers were: Elmo R. Smith, President, and Richard W. Owens, second counselor in Oakland-Berkeley Stake; President Wilbur and Sister Dora Cox of the Central California Mission; Sister June Smith, wife of President Elmo Smith; O. Leslie Stone, former President of Oakland-Berkeley Stake and now president of the Salt Lake Temple, and his wife, Sister Dorothy; and Sister Sarah Tanner, wife of President Tanner.

The business of the conference was conducted by Lorenzo N. Hoopes, first counselor in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake presidency. Invocation was by Elmer Clark; benediction by Ralph Sheffield, Director of the Visitors' Center.

"Elder Gibbons certainly came to love the people in the South African Mission."

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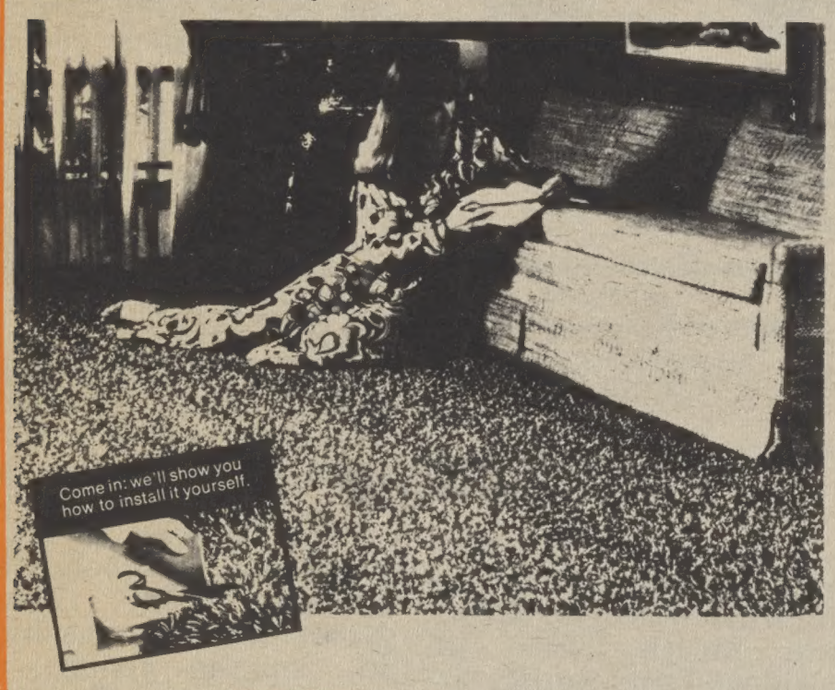

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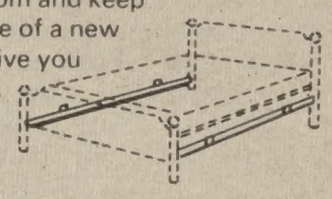

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